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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: اتَّبِعُوا مَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْكُمْ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا مِنْ دُونِهِ أَوْلِيَاءَ قَلِيلًا مَّا تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٣﴾¹

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٢﴾²

Dear blessed audience,

I remind myself and fellow respected audience that let us strengthen our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* with absolute *taqwa*, by performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all attain blissfulness in this world and the Hereafter.

Today I will be delivering a *khutbah* titled “**ATTAINING THE DIVINE’S PLEASURE.**”

Respected Muslims,

¹ al-A‘raaf 7:3

² Aal-‘Imraan 3:102



Let us imagine that we are all in the same boat right in the middle of the vast ocean without any guidance, and not to mention the violent waves pounding. How would our situation be at that very moment? Definitely we would lose our sense of direction through the rough seas.

Such assumption can be easily comprehended with those turbulent waves representing the onslaughts by the enemies of Islam that will drown us. The guidance that we truly need is Islamic *Sharee'ah* that will guide us out of the rough seas.

Islam is a religion that guides mankind out of ignorance unto the path of truth. History has witnessed the messengership of Rasulullah ﷺ in spreading the *risaalah* (message) of Islam to the pagan (*jaahiliyyah*) Arab society. Its purpose is none other than to guide them out of the shackles of ignorance to the truth. As a religion that brings truth, all of its teachings are enshrined in the holy book of al-Qur'an. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 9 of soorah al-Israa':

إِنَّ هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ يَهْدِي لِلَّتِي هِيَ أَقْوَمُ وَيُبَشِّرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ
الَّذِينَ يَعْمَلُونَ الصَّالِحَاتِ أَنَّ لَهُمْ أَجْرًا كَبِيرًا ﴿٩﴾

“Indeed, this Qur'an guides to that which is most suitable and gives good tidings to the believers who do righteous deeds that they will have a great reward.”

This holy scripture was revealed to Rasulullah ﷺ and it is his very duty to explain it to all mankind. In addition to al-Qur'an, *as-Sunnah* also serves as guidance in religious living. It carries the role of explaining the verses of al-Qur'an. Hence, both al-Qur'an and *as-Sunnah* serve as the primary source and reference for the Muslim *ummah* in wading through



their lives as true Muslims. The significance of clinging upon the teachings of al-Qur'an and *as-Sunnah* of Rasulullah ﷺ was mentioned by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in al-Qur'an, through verse 92 of soorah al-Maa'idah:

وَأَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأَحْذَرُوا فَإِن تَوَلَّيْتُمْ فَأَعْلَمُوا
أَنَّمَا عَلَى رَسُولِنَا الْبَلَّغُ الْمُبِينُ ﴿٩٢﴾

“And obey Allah and obey the Messenger and beware. And if you turn away - then know that upon Our Messenger is only [the responsibility for] clear notification.”

Dear blessed Muslims,

It is crystal clear for us that al-Qur'an and *as-Sunnah* are the primary sources and reference for the Muslim *ummah*. However, nowadays, there are Muslims that are influenced by teachings that clearly contradicts Islamic teachings. Among them is the teaching that attempts to liberate oneself from the bond of *Shara'* and glorifying the law of reason (*'aql*) over revelation (*naql*).

In reality, al-Qur'an advocates that mankind utilizes its intellectual capability to ponder upon the Oneness and power of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. There are many verses in al-Qur'an that instruct the humans to utilize their intellectual faculties. Among them is where Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 190 of soorah Aal-'Imraan:

إِنَّ فِي خَلْقِ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَأَخْتِلَافِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ
لَآيَاتٍ لِّأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ ﴿١٩٠﴾



“Indeed, in the creation of the heavens and the earth and the alternation of the night and the day are signs for those of understanding.”

However, the limited ‘aql cannot comprehend matters pertaining to the Unseen such as *al-barzakh* (life after death) and *aakhirah* (Hereafter). Therefore, it is religion that will guide the ‘aql in understanding and detailing on matters regarding ‘aqeedah, *akhlaaq*, and *Sharee‘ah* rulings. The intellect that is guided by religion will be able to filter every news and information received from the Internet, what more in comprehending matters relating to the rulings in Islam, so that every action and decision undertaken will not deviate and mislead us.

To properly comprehend Islamic teachings, it behoove us to refer to the explanations by the ‘*ulamaa*’ (scholars) so that we will not deviate from the actual intended meaning, especially when it pertains to the commandments from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta‘aala*. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta‘aala* mentions in verse 43 of soorah an-Nahl:

فَسْأَلُوا أَهْلَ الذِّكْرِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٤٣﴾

“So ask the people of the message if you do not know.”

Rasulullah ﷺ had also explained the role of the ‘*ulamaa*’ in the narration of Abu ad-Dardaa’ *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, where he ﷺ said:

إِنَّ الْعُلَمَاءَ وَرَثَةُ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ، إِنَّ الْأَنْبِيَاءَ لَمْ يُورِثُوا دِينَارًا وَلَا دِرْهَمًا، إِنَّمَا وَرِثُوا الْعِلْمَ، فَمَنْ أَخَذَ بِهِ فَقَدْ أَخَذَ بِحِظِّ وَافِرٍ

“Indeed the scholars are the heirs of the Prophets, and the Prophets do not leave behind Dinar or Dirham. The only legacy of the



scholars is knowledge, so whoever takes from it, then he has indeed taken an abundant portion."

(at-Tirmidhi)

Blessed audience,

To conclude the *khutbah* and that we attain the pleasure of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, let us derive lessons upon the following:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that al-Qur'an and as-*Sunnah* serve as the ultimate guide in attaining divine pleasure.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must refer to learned scholars in understanding the teachings of al-Qur'an and as-*Sunnah*.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must always remain vigilant upon pluralism and liberal thinking that clearly contradicts al-Qur'an and as-*Sunnah*.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

وَمَنْ يُشَاقِقِ الرَّسُولَ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا تَبَيَّنَ لَهُ الْهُدَىٰ وَيَتَّبِعْ غَيْرَ

سَبِيلِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ نُوَلِّهِ مَا تَوَلَّىٰ وَنُصَلِّهِ ۖ جَهَنَّمَ ۖ وَسَاءَتْ مَصِيرًا ﴿١١٥﴾

"And whoever opposes the Messenger after guidance has become clear to him and follows other than the way of the believers - We will give him what he has taken and drive him into Hell, and evil it is as a destination."

(an-Nisaa' 4:115)



بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ
بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ
تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ.

أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي جَعَلَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَرَزَقَنَا مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ.
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ
مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا
مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ
الدِّينِ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ
بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.



وَقَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى : إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا
الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا ﴿٥٦﴾

Respected audience,

Let us unite upon the basis of authentic Islamic *'aqeedah*. The Muslims must remain united at heart in facing atmospheres, perverted ideologies, and threats by the enemies of Islam. The solid unity of the Muslim *ummah* is the foundational strength towards the development of an *ummah* that is dignified, capable, and upright. Let us unite upon the spirit of firm *tawheed*, لا إله إلا الله, affirmative principles within al-Qur'an and *al-Hadeeth*, as well as the *Qudwah* (exemplary) of Rasulullah ﷺ.

The high number of Covid-19 cases recorded in Selangor according to statistics truly necessitate strict adherence to the SOP regulated by the government, the SOP released by JAIS in preventing the spread of Covid-19, and exercising self-control in this very difficult situation. Let us increase our *yaqeen* (certainty) in Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, upholding his Oneness, purifying Him from other deities, as well as making *tawbah* (repentance). Let us ponder upon our wrongdoings in the past, that Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* sends this calamity and pandemic upon us. Let us not get riled up in spewing accusations, slander, or blaming those whom are diligently trying to overcome this severe predicament.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ
وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ



الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ
تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ،
جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونَ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفُ
الدِّينِ ادْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِّ، ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ
عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِّ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ
وَالْتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونَ،
تَغْكُو أَمِيرِ شَاهِ، ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفُ الدِّينِ ادْرِيسِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِّ، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْنِكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ
وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا، مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُوظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ
وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us *rahmah* and blessings upon this state that continues to prosper and progress, and that its residents remain united, under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.

O Allah, protect us from calamities and pandemic such as Covid-19.

اَللّٰهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ، اِدْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءِ وَالْمَرَضَ
وَالشَّدَائِدَ وَالْمِحْنَ، بِلُطْفِكَ يَا لَطِيفُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ
قَدِيرٌ وَبِالْإِجَابَةِ جَدِيرٌ.



رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ
إِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا
عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٣١﴾.

عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ
وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ
تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾

فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُواهُ عَلَىٰ نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.